

# Official and Diplomatic Travel

Diplomats and members of some international organizations qualify for A, G, or C visas.

## How to Apply

Official and Diplomatic travelers are generally exempt from application fees and the interview requirement, but otherwise follow the nonimmigrant visa application process.

1. You need a photograph that meets the specifications at:  
[http://travel.state.gov/visa/guide/guide\\_3882.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/guide/guide_3882.html) .

Scan and save the photo. You will upload it into the DS-160. Basic digital photo requirements:

- A .jpg file between 600x600 and 1200x1200 pixels
- Less than 240kbs
- Not digitally altered

2. Complete Form DS-160 online at: <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/> Save often to avoid data loss. Answer all of the questions as thoroughly as possible before submitting-- incomplete forms may not be accepted.

DS-160 FAQs are available at: <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

3. Print barcode at the end of the application on a **laser printer**.

Confirmation

**YOU MUST BRING** this confirmation page and the following document(s) with you at all steps during the application process.

**Passport.**

The barcode **MUST** be clear and legible on the printed page. You may also print the entire application for your records. If you do not have access to a printer at this time, select the option to email your confirmation page to an email address.

Please contact your Consular Post directly for information on how to continue the application process. Please note that you will be required to provide proof that you have paid the visa application fee. You may also provide any additional documents you feel will support your case. **DO NOT** submit the entire application.

Some states have special procedures for applicants who may not need a visa interview; you may find information about that process on the Consular Post's website.

If you have further questions or to find out how to contact the Consular Post please go to [http://travel.state.gov/visa/guide/guide\\_3882.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/guide/guide_3882.html) or [travel.state.gov](mailto:travel.state.gov).

This confirms the submission of the nonimmigrant visa application for:

Name Provided:	TEST, TEST
Nationality:	ANGUILLA
Passport Number:	123
Completed On:	23 February 2008
Confirmation No.:	AD000001E

Location Selected:

US EMBASSY - TOKYO  
155 TEST DR  
TOKYO, JAPAN

Print Confirmation [X] Print Application [X] Email Confirmation [X]

THIS IS NOT A VISA

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## Fees and Fingerprinting

If you are currently in a position that requires Official or Diplomatic travel (as defined below) and you are traveling for official reasons, you are exempt from visa application fees and are not required to be fingerprinted. You or your representative may drop off your passport, DS-160 barcode, and one additional photograph, plus supporting materials such as an employment letter or diplomatic note, in the NIV section from 2:00-3:00 any working day.

## Personal Travel on Official and Diplomatic Passports

Officials currently in position traveling for personal reasons on a Diplomatic passport are exempt from the visa application fee. However, travelers using Official (but not Diplomatic) passports for personal travel must pay the visa fee. In both cases, interview appointments must be scheduled by writing to [consularkolkata@state.gov](mailto:consularkolkata@state.gov). If you are retired, but still have your Official or Diplomatic passport, you must pay the application fees, schedule an appointment through VFS or by writing to [consularkolkata@state.gov](mailto:consularkolkata@state.gov), and appear for an interview in person.

### “A” Visas

This visa is for an accredited government official who needs to go to the U.S. to transact official business on behalf of a foreign government.

- **A-1** is for high-ranking foreign government officials and their immediate family
- **A-2** is for other foreign government officials and their immediate family
- **A-3** is for attendants, servants and personal employees of persons who are eligible for A-1 or A-2 status

### What must you establish as an A-1 or A-2 Visa applicant?

- You have been accredited by a foreign government recognized *de jure* by the Government of the United States;
- You intend to engage solely in official activities on behalf of a foreign government while in the United States; and
- You have been accepted by the President, the Secretary of State, or a consular officer acting on behalf of the Secretary of State; or
- You are a member of the immediate family of a person who is eligible for an A-1 or A-2 Visa.

### “G” Visas: International Organization Aliens

This visa is for an officer or employee of an International Organization who needs to go to the U.S. to work on behalf of that International Organization

- **G-1** is for a person, regardless of rank, assigned to a permanent mission of a recognized government that is part of an International Organization. G-1 is also for the immediate family of a person eligible for a G-1 Visa

- **G-2** is for a representative of a recognized government, regardless of rank, who needs to travel to the United States to attend meetings or conferences of a designated International Organization. G-2 is also for the immediate family of a person eligible for a G-2 Visa
- **G-3** is for a person assigned or detailed by a member government not recognized by the U.S. or a government recognized by the United States that is not a member of the International Organization in question
- **G-4** is for a person, regardless of rank, employed by an International Organization. G-4 is also for the immediate family of a person eligible for a G-4 Visa
- **G-5** is for attendants, servants and personal employees of persons who are eligible for G-1, G-2, G-3 and G-4 Visas

#### “C” Visas: Diplomats & Officials in Transit

This visa is for a government official who needs immediate transit through the U.S. to conduct official business on behalf of a foreign government in another country or the UN Headquarters in New York.

- **C-2** is for an official (or unaccredited media representative) of a government not recognized *de jure* by the United States who needs to transit to the UN Headquarters in New York
- **C-3** is for an accredited government official, their immediate family and their attendants who need immediate transit through the U.S. to transact official business in another country